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Applicant(s) : Vandersteen et al.

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For : METHOD FOR
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Applicant inadvertently omitted the attached Request for Supplemental Notice of Allowability Properly Listing Allowed Claims and Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance from the submission of payment of the issue fee mailed June 15, 2005.

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Request for Supplemental Notice of Allowability Properly Listing Allowed Claims

Dear Examiner Ferris III:

Upon reviewing of the file, Applicant noted that the Notice of Allowability, dated March 15, 2005, improperly lists the allowed claims. Although, the above-identified application includes Claims 11-18 including Claim 18 (merely a means-plus-function claim of allowed Claim 11) which was added in a supplemental Office Action response filed February 24, 2005, the Notice of Allowability indicated that only Claims 11-17 are allowed. Applicant respectfully requests that a supplemental Notice of Allowability, properly listing the allowed claims (Claims 11-18), be provided to the undersigned.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Sincerely,

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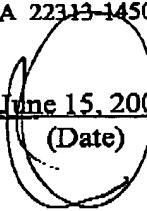
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to address the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability mailed March 15, 2005. With regard to the Examiner's comments on allowed Claim 11, Applicant respectfully submits that the means-plus-function claim terms should be construed based on the following disclosure and equivalents thereof rather than the portions identified in the Notice of Allowability as we already indicated in the Office Action response filed on January 25, 2005 and the supplemental Office Action response filed on February 24, 2005 :

- i) "Means for entering ..." should be construed based on the following disclosure and equivalents thereof: the specification at page 7, lines 5-9, page 20, line 11 through page 21, line 19, and page 34, lines 21-22, and Figure 26.

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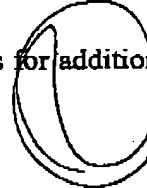
- ii) "Means for transforming ..." should be construed based on the following disclosure and equivalents thereof: the specification at page 26, lines 19-20, page 30, line 15 through page 34, line 5, and page 34, lines 27-30, and Figure 26.
- iii) "Means for execution ..." should be construed based on the following disclosure and equivalents thereof: the specification at page 15, line 3 through page 16, line 2, and page 35, lines 7-12, and Figure 26.

With regard to "a scheduler for scheduling..." recited in Claim 11, Applicant respectfully submits that the "scheduler" element must not be interpreted as a means-plus-function element since the element does not recite means-plus-function language.

With regard to the Examiner's comments on allowed Claim 17, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 17 must not be interpreted as a means-plus-function claim since the claim does not recite means-plus-function language.

The Examiner's confirmation of the above is respectfully requested in the next Action. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that each allowed claim is distinguished from the prior art in view of the entirety of its verbiage and not any particular language as, for example, has been noted by the Examiner.

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